#### TRUMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# **Appeal/Waiver Request**

Applicant Name: Truman School District 458
Entity Number: 133807
Funding Year: 2018
CC Docket No. 02-6

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### **Contact Information**

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"Funding Year 2018 Form 471 Outside of Window - Petition for Waiver"

# This is a request for a waiver/appeal of the filing window for Truman School District 458.

## Waiver/Appeal Request:

Funding Year 2018 Form 471 Certified Outside of Window

Form 471 Information: 181042316

Funding Application Number: 181042316 Funding Request Numbers: 1899082670

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 Form 471 deadline so that our Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the 'window.' The Form 471 was submitted and certified on April 4, 2018.

Our school submitted and certified a Form 470 160003559 on February 23, 2016, within the deadline to allow a 28 day window for vendor response. Zac Huntley is the sole IT employee who is responsible for all E-Rate filings. He missed the March 22 deadline this year for filing Form 471 (for continuing services on the contract that was signed per the 2016 Form 470). Mr. Huntley missed the deadline this year due to a number of extenuating circumstances.

Mr. Huntley travels from far outside the school district, and because of our district's limited technology budget, he only works a few hours each week. Over the past few months, because of the severe inclement winter weather and school closures this winter season, along with personal health issues that he has been facing, Mr. Huntley has missed a majority of working days at our district.

We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline. In light of the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application. Our school district is small, rural and chronically underfunded. The E-Rate funding is an essential to us.

### **Circumstances to Consider:**

The Order and Order on Reconsideration reviewed 39 requests from petitioners seeking review of decisions made by USAC under the E-Rate program. These petitioners were seeking waivers on the Form 471 filing window deadline. The requests were granted for those schools within 14 days after the filing window deadline. Justification was cited on past FCC Rules specifically File Nos. SLD-487009, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Red 9256 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline or filed their Form 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications); Also, the following order or docket #s: CC Docket NO. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Red 354.

This request is made on behalf of Truman School District 458 for a Waiver/Appeal to be granted. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to Truman School District 458 (Entity# 133807) Application Number 181042316 for funding during the Funding Year 2018. Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Sonnabend Business Manager

Truman School District